

REV. MICHAEL PECHARICH

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Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Michael Pecharich

Current Primary Assignment

<i>Birth Date</i>	1/8/1946	<i>Age:</i>	67
<i>Birth Place</i>	Pomona, California, USA	<i>Deanery:</i>	22
<i>Diaconate Ordination</i>			
<i>Priesthood Ordination</i>	3/10/1973		
<i>Diocese Name</i>	Diocese of Orange		
<i>Date of Incardination</i>	3/10/1973		
<i>Religious Community</i>			
<i>Ritual Ascription</i>	Latin		
<i>Ministry Status</i>	Left Archdiocese		
<i>Canon State</i>	Diocesan Priest	<i>Incard Process</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Begin Pension Date</i>			

Seminary St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
Ethnicity

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training*Date Background Check**Virtus Training Date*

Assignment History

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY COLLEGE
5118 E. Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010

May 10, 1968

Right Reverend Monsignor Benjamin G. Hawkes,
 Chancellor
 Archdiocese of Los Angeles
 The Chancery Office
 1531 West Ninth Street
 Los Angeles, Calif. 90015

Dear Right Reverend and Monsignor Hawkes:

I am a student of St. John's Seminary College. Myself
 and three of my classmates, REDACTED
 are planning a trip through the American
 northwest and parts of Canada this summer from August 20.
 to September 10. We respectfully request permission to be
 absent from the diocese during this period.

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter,
 I am

Respectfully yours,

Mike Pecharich

Mike Pecharich

REDACTED

*if parents approve.
 Send copy to Rector*

REDACTED

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May Fifteenth
1968

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Mr. Michael Pecharich
ST. JOHN SEMINARY COLLEGE
5118 East Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010

Dear Michael:

Replying to your letter of May 10th,
permission is granted for you and three of your classmates,

REDACTED

to make a trip through the Northwest and parts of Canada from
August 20th to September 10th, as requested.

The granting of this permission, however,
is subject to the approval of the parents of each of you.

I remain

Praying for you all every blessing,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Right Reverend Benj. G. Hawkes)
C h a n c e l l o r

REDACTED

cc: REDACTED

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REDACTED

ST. JOHN'S MAJOR SEMINARY
5012 East Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010
February 8, 1970

Rev. Magr. John A. Bawden
1531 W. Ninth St.
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Bawden,

The three of us are members of the Second Year Theology here at St. John's. We plan on taking a trip to Europe this summer and would like to request permission to leave the state. We would be leaving sometime in June and returning probably in late August. Each of us has already talked to REDACTED about being excused from working on Priests' Retreat, and we are each making our own arrangements for some sort of apostolic work until our departure. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED

*Subject to the approval of your superior
and pastor*

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February 11, 1970

REDACTED

Michael Pecharich
ST. JOHN'S MAJOR SEMINARY
5012 East Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010

Dear Seminarists:

Permission is hereby granted for your request to leave the State on a trip throughout Europe this summer, subject to the approval of your parents and pastor.

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy the trip.

With kindest best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rowden
Chancellor

REDACTED

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

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April 30, 1971

Rev. Mr. Michael Pecharich
St. John's Seminary
5012 E. Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010

Dear Reverend Mr. Pecharich:

His Excellency, the Archbishop, has directed me to advise
you of your appointment as REDACTED

REDACTED

ST. CECILIA CHURCH, Tustin.

This assignment will be effective June 15 through August 15,
1971. You will enjoy the same privileges and honorarium as an Assistant
Pastor and will have the same obligations.

Enclosed is a listing of the functions which may be assigned
to you by your Pastor.

Praying for you every blessing and success in this opportunity
to exercise your ministry, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

encl.

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April 20, 1972

Rev. Mr. Michael Pecharich
St. John's Seminary
5012 E. Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010

Dear Reverend Mr. Pecharich:

His Excellency, Archbishop Manning, has
directed me to confirm your appointment as

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to REDACTED EDACTED , ST. MONICA
CHURCH, Santa Monica.

This appointment will become effective on Monday,
May 1, 1972.

Enclosed is a listing of the functions which may be
assigned to a REDACTED . You will enjoy the same priv-
ileges and honorarium of an REDACTED and will have the same
obligations.

Sincerely yours In Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

encl.
cc REDACTED

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First, I would like to Congratulate
you on your elevation to the

REDACTED

Secondly, I would like
to thank you for permitting
an early ordination. It was a
very memorable day for me.

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St. Monica's Church
 715 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
 SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90403
 PHONE: (213) 393-9287
 November 1, 1972

Most Reverend Timothy Manning
 Archbishop of Los Angeles
 Los Angeles, California

Most Reverend Archbishop:

At this time I humbly submit to you, my Archbishop, my petition for promotion to the Sacred Order of Priesthood.

In presenting this petition, I solemnly declare that I am actuated by no motive of fear, either physical or moral; that I am in no way coerced by parents, relatives, friends, pastor, assistant pastors, or any other agency whatsoever, but make this request of my own free and spontaneous will, and that I am fully aware of the grave obligation consequent upon the reception of this Sacred Order.

Respectfully yours,
 Michael Philip Pachareich
 Pachareich

November 3, 1972

REDACTED REDACTED
ST. JOHN SEMINARY
5012 E. Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010

Dear Father, REDACTED

His Excellency, Archbishop Manning, asked that
I send to you the petition of

MICHAEL PHILIP PECHARICH.

Would you be disposed to give the faculty
recommendation thereon and send a "confidential" letter to the
Archbishop.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

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ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
5012 EAST SEMINARY ROAD
CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA 93010

REDACTED

REDACTED

5 November 1972

The Most Reverend Timothy Manning
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Archbishop Manning:

I write in reply to your request for a confidential letter about MICHAEL PHILIP PECHARICH, who has petitioned for ordination to the Priesthood.

Having made known reasonably early in the spring that he did not intend to ask for the Priesthood with his class, Michael was given an assignment as deacon at St. Monica's Parish about a month before the end of school last May. He has been there since.

He was tonsured and received the first two Minor Orders with his class in 1969. The following year he did not petition for Exorcist and Acolyte, but he did ask for those Orders the following winter, and subsequently received the Subdiaconate and Diaconate, spending the usual summer in a diaconate assignment like others in the class.

He was here early in October and the way he spoke led me to expect that he would be asking for priestly ordination soon. Realizing that no judgment could be rendered by the faculty concerning his activities since he left St. John's in May 1972, I asked the priests here to voice their judgment of him up to that time so that this could be made known to Your Excellency, should the occasion arise.

I believe that most would agree with the judgment voiced in my letter of 21 March 1971 concerning his Subdiaconate: "He has made a great improvement since entering First Theology . . ." In general the faculty here expressed a favorable recommendation of Mr. Pecharich, if he petitioned for Priesthood. There is a minimal amount of work still incomplete since he left in early May, but he is completing that with Father REDACTED

Although he delayed in receiving other Orders, Mr. Pecharich always maintained that he was doing this in consultation with his spiritual director, and that he still wished to be a priest. I think that my own reaction to his petition, which I express reluctantly, is that his petition be approved, but that there be no great haste in advancing him to the Priesthood by reason of the previous delays, and because it is now only 5 or 6 months after he would otherwise be ordained.

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Archbishop Manning
5 November 1972

Re: Michael PECHARICH

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I do not counsel deliberateness in ordaining him because he wished to take longer than the others in preparation. This is common enough in modern times.

But I feel some slight uneasiness still as to whether he has firmly and finally made the permanent decision. This of course is my personal comment; it was not offered by any of the faculty. And I would not wish this to stand as an obstacle to his being ordained if Your Excellency judges, from all of the information available, that the proper time has come.

With every best wish to Your Excellency, and asking a prayer for our seminarians, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,
REDACTED

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XXVIII 000011

St. Monica's Church
715 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90403
PHONE: (213) 393-9287

November 6, 1972.

Confidential

Dear Monsignor Rawden,

I am in receipt of your letter of November 3, advising that Rev. Mr. Michael Pectarich is petitioning for ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.

Mr. Pectarich had previously informed me that he has petitioned for such ordination in June of next year.

During his months here I feel that he has matured appreciably. I still feel that he is an extremely immature person, and would hesitate to recommend affirmatively. I would not oppose the judgement of the Seminary authorities, however, whose knowledge of him is surely greater than mine.

Sincerely in Rm.,
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REDACTED

November 8, 1972

ARCHBISHOP

We asked for comments from REDACTED REDACTED - as yet we have not received his answer.

In light of Father REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED's remarks, I would recommend that this deacon be asked to resubmit his petition for the priesthood at the time of the Ordinations in May, 1973.

Monsignor Rawden

REDACTED

ARCHBISHOP - Rev. Mr. Michael P. visisted with me in the Chancery this afternoon. He was disappointed and indicated that his father will be on board ship at the time REDACTED of the regular ordinations in May and will not return till July. I believe he will ask for consideration for a date late in April 1973.

TELEPHONE: 894-2261

REDACTED

ST. GENEVIEVE'S CHURCH

14061 ROSCOE BOULEVARD
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91402

November 30, 1972

Mr. Msgr. John Rowden
 Chancellor, Archbishopric of Los Angeles
 1531 W. Ninth St.
 Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Msgr. Rowden:

In reply to your letter of November 3 regarding Rev. Mr. Michael Pecharick, I should like to state that I had occasion to observe him on weekends only from February to April, 1972. Therefore, my experience is very limited.

He seemed to be moody and someone depressed quite often. I attributed this to the fact that he was upset about being transferred in February from an assignment which he liked to St. Genevieve. I must say he again reacted quite strongly when he was transferred from St. Genevieve, which he had grown to like. Perhaps, this is quite normal.

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Archbishop - The deacon himself asked for this transfer thru Father REDACTED
 He later changed his mind after the appt was made to St Monica.

He was quite antipathetic on subjects which I felt he knew little about and irritated at least one member of our staff, Father REDACTED to the extent that Father REDACTED would not eat at table when Deacon was present.

REDACTED Deacon Michael preached well, was always willing to follow my suggestions, volunteered to take over special projects, eg. an adult class for Confirmation preparation, and did a good job in these matters.

I felt that his personality was complex but that he was going through some sort of crisis - which proved to be true when he decided not to petition for Priesthood.

I hope these few comments may be of some value to you.

In much in Christ,

REDACTED

EDACTED

Pastor

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REDACTED

REDACTED

Dec 4

A couple of years ago as a
deacon, I remember hearing from
you that for the most part, no
news was good news" as far as
the Chancellor was concerned. So
naturally when you got up at
the Altitude House Friday last to
tell - I guessed "bad news days."

peace



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Rather you were a delightful
surprise. Being a good priest is hard
for me but I'm really trying
to serve the Lord and the people of
St. Joseph's. I love it. Would it help
fraternally when you let us know
we're doing okay. If meant a great
deal to me and I wanted to say
Florida - Obedience

December 6th, 1972

Reverend Mr. Michael Pecharich
St. John's Seminary
5012 East Seminary Road
Camarillo, California 93010

Dear Michael:

I know that Monsignor Rawden has been in touch with you about your petition for ordination. Apparently the date suggested was not convenient due to the absence of your father. I have asked Father REDACTED to arrange with you for a time shortly after Easter, when it will be convenient for you.

This will confirm your official Call to Orders, and the interval will provide you with a happy interstices of preparation.

With every best wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

REDACTED

Timothy Manning
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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REDACTED

We will need to fix a date, perhaps shortly after Easter, for this ordination.

We had originally planned to do it with the regular ordination class, but his father will be absent. I will ask him to confer with you for another time.

REDACTED

ARCHBISHOP MANNING

December 6th, 1972

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March 10

December 26, 1972

Reverend Mr. Michael Pecharich
St. Monica's Church
715 California Avenue
Santa Monica, California 90403

Dear Mike:

This is a follow up to our telephone conversation regarding
a confirmation of a date for your ordination.

I have listed in the Archbishop's calendar, Saturday, March 10,
9:30 a.m., St. Monica's Church, Santa Monica. I am very
happy we were able to arrange a time mutually convenient.

We shall be in touch with you before that time if there are any
details to be cared for.

May the new year bring you many blessings and joys.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

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9:55 pm

Mike Pechurich gave me the whole history — including:

- 1) The ^{REDACTED} letter to him said that he could consider himself called — & to use the remaining months to prepare
- 2) after the matter of his father's absence came up he was put in touch with ^{REDACTED} I think this was oral from the ^{REDACTED} who told him to get a date settled. But the word from the ^{REDACTED} was "after Easter," which would be after his father left.
- 3) Ultimately the date was specified orally by ^{REDACTED} — March 10, Saturday, at St. Maricao, 9:30 am,
- 4) The next day or two — Dec. 29 or 30 — ^{REDACTED} wrote a letter to Mike confirming the date & time, ^{REDACTED}

REDACTED
OK. The
original date
REDACTED

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**Telefax**CALL
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CHARGE
TO a/c#59-5083

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

March 5, 1973

His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Manning
Villa Stritch
Via della Nocetta 63
00164 Rome, Italy (VIA WU CABLES)

Please give Mandate to Bishop Arzube for Pecharich Ordination
Saturday, March 10.

Rawden

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Send the above message, subject to terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL TIMOTHY MANNING REDACTED

REDACTED

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PLEASE GIVE MANDATE TO BISHOP ARZUBE FOR PECHARICH ORDINATION

SATURDAY MARCH 1Q

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REDACTED

With Joy and Thanksgiving
to God our Father
We the Pecharich Family
announce the ordination of our Son
Michael Philip
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
through the laying on of hands
by the Most Reverend Timothy Manning
Archbishop of Los Angeles

To more fully manifest the oneness of this Priesthood
Father Mike will then join with the Archbishop
and his brother priests
in concelebrating his first Mass

As you have nurtured Father Mike's life
by your prayers, encouragement, and friendship
you are now invited to share in this celebration

The ceremony will be held Saturday, the tenth of March
nineteen hundred and seventy-three
at nine-thirty in the morning
the Church of Saint Monica
corner of Seventh and California
Santa Monica, California

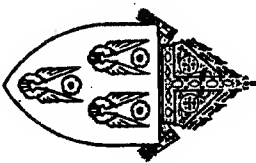
Reception, First Blessing, and Buffet Luncheon
will follow the ordination
in the Parish Auditorium

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Timotheus Fleming

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Dei atque sedis Apostolicæ Gratia



Archiepiscopus Angelorum in California

Universis et singulis litteras præsentēs inspecturis notum facimus quod Anno a Nativitate Domini 1973

die vero 10a mensis Martii Ordines Celebrantes in Ecclesiam Sanctæ Monicæ
dilectum nobis in Christo REVERENDUM MICHAELM PECHARICH

examinatum et approbatum, atque in moribus, cæterisque requisiis juxta Sacros Canones idoneum repertum, itemque in spiritualibus exercitiis, cum caeremoniis et solemnitatibus necessariis juxta Sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ Ritus, ad Sacrum Presbyteratum servatis rite servandis in Domino Promovimus.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nomine, sigilloque nostro munitas, expedire jussimus.

Datum in Civitate Angelorum, die 10a mensis Martii A. D. 1973.

L.S.

Episcopus Auxiliari Angelorum in California

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. MICHAEL PECHARICH

Philip NAME IN FULL

Date.....

ORDAINED FOR DIOCESE OF..... Los Angeles

Date and Place..... March 10, 1973

Ordaining Prelate..... REDACTED

If incardinated in Los Angeles, Date..... May 31, 1969

IF NOT INCARDINATED IN LOS ANGELES:

Date of Arrival.....

What letters from own Ordinary or Superior?.....

Length and purpose of stay:.....

Residence: Phone No.....

FACULTIES GIVEN UNTIL.....

REDACTED

Birth: Date and Place..... Jan. 8, 1946 Pomona, Calif.

Baptism: Date and Place..... 1946 St. Joseph's Pomona

Present Citizenship..... United States

If Naturalized, Date and Place.....

Elementary School—Dates and Places..... Sept. 1952-June 1960 Grades 1-8 St. Lucy's
Long Beach

High School—Dates and Places..... Fall 1960-Spring 1964 St. Anthony's, Long Beach

College—Dates and Places..... 1964-1968 St. John's College, Camarillo.

Seminary—Dates and Places..... 1968-1972 St. John's Tehology, Camarillo.

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places..... 64075

Degrees—Dates and Places..... B.A. (Philosophy) 1968, St. John's. M.A. (cand.)

What foreign languages can you speak?.....

Father's and Mother's (maiden) Name..... REDACTED

Name and address of nearest relative c

Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, 1531 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles 15, California

(Over)

March 23, 1973

Reverend Michael Pecharich
ST. MONICA CHURCH
715 California Avenue
Santa Monica, California 90403

Dear Father Pecharich:

Enclosed is your official appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR (pro tem)

to REDACTED REDACTED ST. MONICA
CHURCH, Santa Monica, which His Eminence, Cardinal Manning,
has directed me to forward to you.

This assignment is effective as of March 10, 1973.

Will you kindly fill in and return the enclosed Personal
Record sheet for our Chancery files and come into the office to
take the oath required of newly ordained priests.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

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ON CHANGE LIST

March 23, 1973

Reverend Michael Pecharich
ST. MONICA CHURCH
715 California Avenue
Santa Monica, California 90403

Dear Father Pecharich:

Enclosed is your official appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR (pro tem)

to REDACTED REDACTED, ST. MONICA
CHURCH, Santa Monica, which His Eminence, Cardinal Manning,
has directed me to forward to you.

This assignment is effective as of March 10, 1973.

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Record sheet for our Chancery files and come into the office to
take the oath required of newly ordained priests.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

encls.

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May 26, 1973

Reverend Michael Pecharich
SJT MONICA CHURCH
715 California Avenue
Santa Monica, California 90403

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Dear Father Pecharich:

Enclosed is your official appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

to Reverend REDACTED ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN CHURCH,
Van Nuys, which His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has directed me
to forward to you.

This assignment will become effective on Monday,
June 11, 1973.

Sincerely yours In Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

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St. Bridget of Sweden Church

16711 GAULT STREET
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

(213) 782-7180

June 8, 1975

My presence will be requested by the 2nd week on 2nd week

REDACTED
REDACTED
REDACTED

Your Eminence -

As much as I enjoyed Priest Retreat last year, it was not much of a retreat for me. Too many people; too many friends, too much good food and too many activities going on.

Almost without thinking I marked my calendar again this year. Then I reconsidered. I need right now a slower pace + more quiet and solitude. After consulting my Spiritual Director I made arrangements to spend the 2nd week of June at the Jesuit College in Monticello a private retreat.

I felt it was important to let you know of my decision. I will also inform the seminary of my absence during second week.

Respectfully
Mike Pacheco

St. Bridget of Sweden Church

16711 GAULT STREET
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

(213) 782-7180

Jan. 30, 1976

Monsignor Rawden,

Recently a matter has come to my attention that perhaps needs some clarification. What is the policy of the diocese in regard to letters from "concerned" parishioners in reference to the attitudes and behavior of their parish priests. Are the priests made aware of these letters? If so, in what manner?

Any clarification in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike Pecharich

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January 30, 1976

Reverend Michael Pecharich
St. Bridget of Sweden Church
16711 Gault Street
Van Nuys, California 91406

Dear Mike:

Please accept my appreciation for your letter of January 30 in regard to letters from concerned parishioners.

They are handled in a myriad of ways, simply because there are so many factors to be considered. There is no routine procedure. In general, most of the time the priest is made aware of these letters if, indeed, the author appears reasonable and the matter to warrant the priest's attention.

With kindest best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

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St. Bridget of Sweden Church

16711 GAULT STREET
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA
(213) 782-7180

February 10, 1976

Rev. Msgr. John A. Rawden
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 W. Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my inquiry of January 30 in regard to letters from concerned parishioners. The Diocesan policy as stated seems a reasonable and logical approach to the situation, one I could easily live with. However, in my own experience this has not been the actual procedure. Twice, once in late 1974 and lately within the past two months, letters written to the Cardinal concerning my attitudes and/or behavior have been forwarded to the pastor, Fr. REDACTED. On both occasions he has informed me of the letters and shown them to me. Being the caliber of man that he is, I am not overly concerned by his knowledge of these letters. I probably would have shown them to him regardless.

However, such a procedure is not the stated policy of the diocese. Further, it negates acceptance of personal responsibility for one's actions and may foster superior-inferior roles rather than shared responsibility for ministry. Finally, it seems to me a violation of confidentiality.

Perhaps there are more aspects to this problem than I perceive. Everyone suffers from limited vision. I would appreciate any further insights you may have in this matter. Thank you very much for your time and concern.

Sincerely,

Mike Pecharich

Fr. Mike Pecharich

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ON CHANGE LIST

March 29, 1976

Reverend Michael Pecharich
St. Bridget of Sweden Church
16711 Gault Street
Van Nuys, California 91406

Dear Father Pecharich:

Enclosed is your official appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

to REDACTED REDACTED, ST. EDWARD CHURCH, Dana Point,
which His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has directed me to
forward to you.

This assignment will become effective on Saturday,
May 1, 1976.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

REDACTED

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RE: Rev. Michael Pecharich

Notes on Conversation with REDACTED

I spoke with REDACTED on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, North Hollywood. Doctor REDACTED, Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, was present for the concluding portion of the interview.

These notes are a summary of the content of the interview and make no attempt to be a verbatim record. In his description of the events, however, I have tried to reflect Mr. REDACTED's own words in the first person in a fully accurate manner.

REDACTED

Mr. REDACTED began by indicating that he has a good life, is grateful for his Catholic upbringing and intends to be sure his own children have Catholic schooling in the future. He is not seeking counseling, although appreciates our offer. He is not planning to go to the media. He was angry when Father Pecharich claimed that he had only transgressed boundaries with one person. Mr. REDACTED is a good friend of Mr. REDACTED. He wanted to emphasize that Mr. REDACTED is a man of the highest integrity. Mr. REDACTED wanted to emphasize that Mr. REDACTED's story is true because something similar happened between Fr. Pecharich and Mr. REDACTED. He indicated that Father Pecharich is a "good man who needs help," but who should never be around kids in ministry.

I asked Mr. REDACTED to describe any behavior of Fr. Pecharich that concerned him. He replied:

I was in St. Bridget of Sweden School [Van Nuys, California] for grades six through eight. I was an altar boy during that time. I remember vividly being in the sacristy and Father Mike would come over to "check how the vestments fit." What would happen is that his hand would end up inside my underwear on the bare skin of my butt. I remember his hand on my flesh. I also remember his breath. While touch, he would lean over, loom over, and I remember the smell of his breath on my face and the feel of it on my neck. This happened multiple times off and on over the three years I was in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. When it happened, I always felt strange, a red flag went up that left me uncomfortable, but he was our priest and I never told anyone about it.

Father Pecharich also gave us altar wine to drink while in the sacristy. He'd pour some wine into a cup and let the servers drink some.

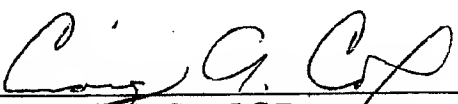
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RE: Reverend Michael Pecharich
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Over the last twenty-five years, occasionally the memory of this came to mind. I do not feel the need for any counseling, but I was incensed when I saw in the news that Father Pecharich denied anything more than one incident. There are several other of my friends, three more for sure, who had similar experiences. I have talked to them and suggested they come forward to tell their stories. So far they are unwilling to do so. *[Auditor's note: I gave Mr. REDACTED several copies of my card to give to his friends and asked that he encourage them to come forward.]*

I wanted to come forward to validate REDACTED story and I want to make sure that you know Father Pecharich lied, and want to be sure he does not deal with kids again.

[Note: I asked several other questions to ascertain if there were any other examples of boundary crossing in Father Pecharich's contacts with Mr. REDACTED. He indicated that for him, the only time anything happened was over those three years in the sacristy. He did add that once as a sixth grader at the picnic tables, he heard some eighth graders call Fr. Pecharich a "pervert."]

Mr. REDACTED was grateful for the opportunity to talk. He promised to be in touch if he recalled anything else. He indicated he was comfortable with us forwarding his name and contact information to the police.



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Dear Father I^{REDACTED}

Enclosed, please find the summary of my interview with Mr. ^{REDACTED}, describing his experiences with Reverend Michael Pecharich. We have extended the offer of counseling to Mr. ^{REDACTED} who at this time does not feel the need to make use of that offer.


As you can see, he is aware of other persons who may have further information. I asked him to encourage them to come forward.

Please know that representative of the Los Angeles Police Department had made an inquiry here about Father Pecharich. We are passing along this information to the appropriate persons in the LAPD, and Mr. ^{REDACTED} specified his willingness to talk to the police.

I will be sure to keep you posted if we learn any additional information.

May God continue to bless you.

Yours in Christ,


Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
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Dear REDACTED

I write to you at the request of Monsignor Craig Cox, Vicar for Clergy.

Given that the entire personnel files were shipped to the Diocese of Orange at the time of the split, Monsignor Cox would appreciate receiving copies of the following priests' files:

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Reverend Michael Pecharich

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
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